St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting

Sunday, 29th April, 2018.

Present – Fr. Andrew, R. James, M. James, A. Davies, H. Ellwood, C. Ellwood, C.Barclay, F. Romano, R. Snape, P. Copeland, C. Parkinson

Apologies – P. Vetch, M. Donizetti, V. Fattorini, M. Keep

Minutes from last meeting – passed as correct.

Treasurer's Report – Total in account on 31.3.18: £4,089.99 credit. £165.20 cash in hand. A bit for £80.00 for the window cleaner has been paid. Barrie has contributed a further £131.00 from the raffle.

Maintenance -

- **Sound system –** A new set of rechargeable batteries will be bought to alleviate current problems..
- **Kneelers and pews –** There is a minor issue with two of the seat cushions which do not match the curve of the original template and the manufacturers have been informed. A thank you card and flowers have been delivered to Margaret Benson. The meeting also thanked Peter for facilitating the new seating.
  The hassocks are now in abeyance and a decision has been made to shorten and make safe the existing kneeler.

Recent Events:

Coffee Morning - The recent coffee morning went well raising £547.00 with an additional sum added for the later raffle.

Christian Aid Lunch – The event went well and raised £180.00. £1,300 was raised in total across all the participating churches in the area.

Pauline also flagged up the Christian Aid week in May, informing the meeting that traditionally SMC collected in Threshfield and a volunteer was needed for the Piecefields section. Carol Parkinson kindly volunteered.

Future events:

Buckden Singers' Summer Concert – To be held on 28th July. Usual arrangements for refreshments.

AoB

R.J. informed the meeting that the boiler had been serviced following some minor issues at a cost of approx £100. A few other issues have emerged as a result of the service. **CB** commented that some electrical sockets seems to overheat and asked whether an electrical check could be carried out.

AD expressed an on-going concern about the problem of the birds in the roof and the problems of eradicating the number of flies. Pest controllers recommend fumigation in Oct/Nov. **Fr A** suggested a return visit from the pest controllers and said that advice was needed about ways of eradicating the bird problem. **RJ** to ask Mr. Harker to advise on the issue.

AD asked for a volunteer to organise, and co-ordinate, church cleaning. **FR** offered to help in an emergency. **PC** suggested that a notice was given in church asking for volunteers as, and when, needed.

CE expressed concern that the car parking sign "Authorised Parking Only" had been broken and should be replaced ASAP.

Fr.A informed the meeting that the new youth worker for REVERB -Ed- was piloting work with a group of youngsters this term and planned setting up a REVERB café in church which would start in September.

Fr. A informed the meeting that the feasts of the Ascension and the Epiphany have been returned to Holy Day status and will be celebrated on the appropriate dates. He suggested that Vigil masses should have a 5.00pm timing. He reminded the group about the Bishop's visit to SMC for the 11.00am mass on July 1st.

He gave the itinerary and arrangements for the youth choir's visit to the church.

The Grassington Festival Service is at 10.00am on 17th June in Grassington Town Hall.

Next Meeting – Sunday, 15th July 2018 12.00pm – 12.45pm

This date was later deferred until Sunday 7th October 2018